

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, research shows that as many as one in four school-age children have problems with their vision, making this a leading handicapping condition for our young people; and

WHEREAS, children across the Palmetto State are preparing for the beginning of another school year but, unfortunately, many will start their studies with vision problems that remain undiagnosed and untreated; and

WHEREAS, because all children deserve the opportunity to learn and reach their full potential, it is necessary that they receive proper vision care; and

WHEREAS, parents, educators, school nurses, and concerned adults should work together in an effort to prevent and reduce the impact of poor vision on our children's ability to read and learn.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2004 as

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the significant role good vision has in the learning process and quality of life of children across the Palmetto State.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written over a horizontal line.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA